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ACQUISITION OF 16,067 ACRES OF LAND FOR U. S. WILDLIFE REFUGES APPROVED

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The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission has approved the acquisition by the U. S. Biological Survey of 16,067.76 acres of land in 12 wildlife refuges at a total cost of \$140,094.85, or an average of \$2.55 an acre. All the lands are within the exterior boundaries of refuges, and their acquisition is regarded as necessary to round out areas otherwise acquired and to insure efficient refuge administration.

The Commission approved purchase of these lands at a meeting in Washington on December 9, attended by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, chairman; Oscar L. Chapman, assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior, representing Secretary Ickes; Glen C. Leach, of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, representing Secretary of Commerce Roper; Senator Key Pittman, of Nevada; Representative Sam D. McReynolds, of Tennessee; and Representative James Wolfenden, of Pennsylvania.

Lands approved for purchase are on the following refuges: St. Marks Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Fla.; Upper Souris Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, N.Dak.; Willapa Harbor Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Wash.; White River Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Ark.; Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge, Oreg.; Waubay Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, S. Dak.; Seney Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Mich.; Charles Sheldon Antelope Range, Nev.; Camas Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Idaho; Valentine Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Nebr.; Savannah River Wildlife Refuge, Ga.; and Delta Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, La.

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